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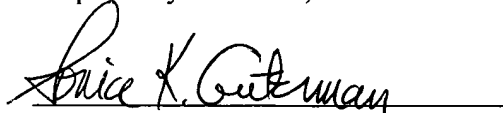
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1. Amendment and Response to April 30, 2004 Office Action (14 pages);
2. Appendix (7 pages);
3. Petition for One-Month Extension (1 page);
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This paper is in response to a non-final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office April 30, 2004, and the results of an interview with examiner Strzelecka and Interview Report both dated August 12, 2004.

As this response is filed one month after the shortened statutory period deadline of July 30, 2004, Applicants include herewith a petition for a one month extension and a check for the extension fee of \$55.00. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 27476-504.

Amendments to the claims are shown in the listing of claims which begins on p. 2 of this paper.